

## Message

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**From:** Forsgren, Lee [Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/24/2020 1:48:48 PM  
**To:** Gunasekara, Mandy [gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Leopold, Matt (OGC) [Leopold.Matt@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Fotouhi, David [Fotouhi.David@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Hladick, Christopher [hladick.christopher@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Pebble?

I think a desk statement or a release would be equally OK. We are going to get asked so I don't think it makes much difference one way or another. Am more than fine with the substance of what we are saying.

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**From:** Gunasekara, Mandy <gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 9:43 AM  
**To:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Hladick, Christopher <hladick.christopher@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>  
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# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Brittany – you were a part of the messaging discussion last week. Do you have any edits?  
+ Chris and Lee for awareness and/or thoughts.

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**From:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 9:27 AM  
**To:** Gunasekara, Mandy <gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>  
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EPA is fine if you prefer.

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**From:** Gunasekara, Mandy <gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 9:26 AM  
**To:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>  
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Matt – I know we just discussed,  
Hold please.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 9:25 AM  
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Comment on Pebble?

Here's a revised version that Mandy and I discussed. This should be it barring any final nits.

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**From:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:23 AM  
**To:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>  
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Ok. I'll stand down until I hear back.

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**From:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:22 AM  
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>  
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I need to connect with Mandy first. Thanks

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**To:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>  
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10-4. I can run this by WH comms. Are there any other channels this needs to be flagged for?

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**From:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:17 AM  
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>  
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I would like to release it in response to inquires. We cannot completely defer to the Corps given our role in the process.

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**From:** Block, Molly <[block.molly@epa.gov](mailto:block.molly@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:12 AM

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Is this intended to be a stand alone release or a reactive statement for inquiries once the info is public?

If the move is to defer to WH/Army Corps, we can absolutely do that.

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**From:** Gunasekara, Mandy <[gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov](mailto:gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Sunday, August 23, 2020 10:55 PM

**To:** Block, Molly <[block.molly@epa.gov](mailto:block.molly@epa.gov)>; Leopold, Matt (OGC) <[Leopold.Matt@epa.gov](mailto:Leopold.Matt@epa.gov)>; Hewitt, James <[hewitt.james@epa.gov](mailto:hewitt.james@epa.gov)>

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With edits. We need to run this by the White House as their request was that we defer to them/Army Corps on responding. Also, we need to make sure we don't get out front of the release. Matt – do we know when Army Corps is putting out their letter and corresponding statements?

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**From:** Block, Molly <[block.molly@epa.gov](mailto:block.molly@epa.gov)>

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Two small edits track changed.

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**From:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <[Leopold.Matt@epa.gov](mailto:Leopold.Matt@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Saturday, August 22, 2020 5:19 PM

**To:** Hewitt, James <[hewitt.james@epa.gov](mailto:hewitt.james@epa.gov)>

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Here's a draft statement for review. Let me know if anyone has edits. Of course, we plan to wait until Monday to release anything.

Matt